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## 2003 Year in Review Web page launched

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Some of the 2003 accomplishments include setting new enrollment records for fall, winter and summer semesters. OU also began offering a new undergraduate degree program and three new master's degree programs, bringing the total to 114 baccalaureate degree programs and 82 graduate degree and certificate programs. Several national organizations recognized OU in 2003 thanks to the reputation the university is gaining within the region and beyond.

Oakland opened the doors to a new 30,000-square-foot Oakland Center expansion, the Thomas M. Cooley Law Library, Crittenton Hospital Medical Center Multimedia Laboratory, and the Fastening and Joining Research Institute. Each facility offers state-of-the-art services and learning opportunities for students.

Several OU students and faculty members distinguished themselves in 2003 by earning top honors, awards, grants and recognition for their achievements in the classroom, community, research labs, and on athletic fields. OU education major Lenny Compton was invited by President George W. Bush to his State of the Union address in recognition of Compton's volunteer work. OU nursing student Jeri Buckley was named Michigan Student Nurse of the Year. Six OU teams were represented at NCAA post-season tournaments and several of OU's club sports teams competed for national championships.

OU faculty earned more than \$12,372,976 in funding for grants and contracts to further advance their research and the educational experience for OU students. Among those grants was a \$2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health awarded to Assistant Professor of Chemistry Xiangqun Zeng and Assistant Professor of Biology Gabrielle Stryker to create a biosensor to distinguish the presence of hazardous biological or chemical agents.

Donors committed a total of \$18,368,945 to the university during 2003, which includes pledges, outright gifts, planned gifts and gifts-in-kind. Oakland also entered into several new partnerships to advance the mission of the university, including an agreement with the City of Rochester to work together on a variety of reciprocal business and academic ventures.

The university hosted several national, international, cultural, educational, social and community events throughout the year including the Dickens Society Symposium; Varner Vitality Seminar, featuring Craig Venter, president of the Center for the Advancement of Genomics; 40th Anniversary Charter Class Reunion; Metro Detroit American Heart Walk; and famed historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough.

OU President Gary Russi presented his **State of the University address** in September in which he elaborated on many topics and their relation to the university strategic plan and 2010 vision. The **State of Academic Affairs address**, which Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Virinder Moudgil delivered in December, also highlighted OU's many academic accomplishments over the past year.

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